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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electrically controllable safety device for use by an occupant of a vehicle, the vehicle powered by a motor activatable by an electrical ignition system, the safety device comprising: a safety enhancer; and a controller to activate the safety enhancer; and an activatable controller switch, wherein the controller and the safety enhancer are electrically coupled to the ignition system, the controller accessible via the switch, so that the controller will only activate the safety enhancer while the motor is on and; so that once activated by the controller switch, the safety enhancer will only be deactivated by turning the motor off.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A stimulator for use by a sleepy driver of a vehicle, the vehicle powered by a motor activatable by an electrical ignition system, the stimulator comprising: a signal generator capable of rousing the driver; and a controller to activate the signal generator; and an activatable controller switch, wherein the controller and the signal generator are electrically coupled to the ignition system, the controller accessible via the switch, so that the controller will only activate the signal generator while the motor is on and; so that once activated by the controller switch, the signal generator will only be deactivated by turning the motor off.

Claim 3 (original): A stimulator according to claim 2, wherein the signal generator includes a buzzer.

Claim 4 (original): A stimulator according to claim 2, wherein the signal generator includes a warning lamp.

Claim 5 (original): A stimulator according to claim 3, wherein the signal generator includes a warning lamp.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): A stimulator according to claim 2, wherein the activatable controller includes switch is a momentary switch.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A stimulator according to claim 6, wherein the controller ~~further~~ includes a relay.

Claim 8 (original): A stimulator according to claim 7, wherein the controller further includes a diode.

Claim 9 (original): A stimulator according to claim 8, wherein the relay is a changeover relay.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of using an electrically controllable safety device in a vehicle, the safety device comprising: a safety enhancer; a controller to activate the safety enhancer; and an activatable controller switch, the vehicle powered by a motor activatable by an electrical ignition system, the controller accessible via the switch, so that the controller will only activate the safety enhancer while the motor is on, the method comprising: powering the motor with the ignition system, activating ~~a~~ the controller with the switch ~~to turn the device on~~ such that the ignition system keeps the device on; and switching off the ignition system to shut off the motor and the device.

Claim 11 (original): A method according to claim 10, wherein the device is a stimulator for use by a sleepy driver.

Claim 12 (new): A safety device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a safety belt and the safety enhancer comprises a coupling associated with the safety belt.

Claim 13 (new): A safety device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises an emergency flashing light.

Claim 14 (new): A method according to claim 10, wherein the device is a safety belt.

Claim 15 (new): A method according to claim 10, wherein the device comprises an emergency flashing light.